

REMARKS

In the August 21, 2003 notice of allowance, claims 16-39, 44-47 and 54-130 were deemed allowed and claims 1-15, 40-43 and 48-53 were cancelled.

In this amendment, the Applicant has cancelled claims 16-37, 39-45, 47-53, 58-65, 72-81, 88, 94-107, 111-118, 120-123, and 129-130, and new claims 131-162 have been added. Claims 38, 46, 54-57, 66-71, 82-87, 89-93, 108-110, 119, 124, 126-128, and 131-162 will be pending after entry of this response.

Certain claims that were indicated as allowed in the August 21, 2003 notice of allowance have been cancelled. The remaining, currently pending, claims were also indicated as allowed in the August 21, 2003 notice of allowance, although certain claims have been redrafted to reflect independent claim status or to establish corrected dependencies. Newly submitted dependent claims reflect limitations already considered by the Examiner and are explained herein.

No new matter has been introduced by the new or amended claims.

With respect to all amendments and cancelled claims, Applicant has not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover has not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicant reserves the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

Communication to File

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning to the Applicant a copy of the PTO form-1449 mailed June 12, 2003 that was sent to the Examiner by the

Applicant for Applicant's files. Applicant includes a copy of the PTO form-1449

initialed by the Examiner on October 28, 2003, together with this amendment, for entry into the Patent Office file for the above-referenced application such that Applicant's file is consistent with that of the Patent Office. Applicant kindly requests that a copy of the originally initialed PTO form-1449 be returned to the Applicant.

Response to Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 16-39, 44-47 and 54-130 have been indicated as allowed by the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of these claims. Allowed claims 16-37, 39-45, 47-53, 58-65, 72-81, 88, 94-107, 11-118, 120-123, and 129-130 have been cancelled. Applicant presents herein amendments to the allowed claims as shown below.

Claim 37 has been limited to a single chemical structure. This structure was recited in claim 37 as allowed. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended claim 37.

Claims 54, 66, 82, 83, 89, 108, 119, 124, and 126-128 have been amended to recite dependencies as necessitated by the cancellation of certain allowed claims. Each of these amended claims was previously indicated as allowed. Applicant requests allowance of amended claims 54, 66, 82, 83, 89, 108, 119, 124, and 126-128.

New Claims

The groupings below are for the convenience of the Examiner.

New Claims 131-140:

New claims 131-140 recite the limitations of allowed claims 89-93, which were originally dependent from claim 44. Claims 131-140 are presented as singly dependent claims that recite the limitations of allowed claims 89-93. The dependencies are from claim 67 (claims 131-135) and claim 83 (claims 136-140). Both claim 67 and claim 83 were previously indicated as allowed. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 131-140.

New Claims 141-146:

New claims 141-146 recite the limitations of allowed claims 108-110, which were originally multiply dependant from claims 16, 21, 26 or 36. The cancellation of claims 16, 21, 26 and 36 necessitated the introduction of these claims from independent claims 38, 66 and 82. Claims 108-110 as amended are dependent from amended claim 38. New claims 141-146 recite the limitations of allowed claims 108-110, but list the dependencies from claim 66 (claims 141-143) or claim 82 (claims 144-146). Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 141-146.

New Claims 147-150:

New claims 147-150 recite the limitations of allowed claims 119 and 124. The limitations of these claims have been presented as singly dependent claims from claim 66 (claim 148), claim 67 (claim 147), claim 82 (claim 150), and claim 83 (claim 149). Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 147-150.

New Claims 151-156:

New claims 151-156 recite the limitations of allowed claims 126-128. The limitations of these claims are presented as singly dependent from claim 68 (claims 151-

153) and claim 84 (claims 154-156). Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 151-156.

New Claims 157-162:

New claims 157-162 recite the limitations of allowed claim 119, which was originally multiply dependent from claims 44, 45, 66, 76, 80, 98 or 114. Claims 157-162 are singly dependent from claim 55, 56, 69, 70, 85 and 86 respectively, and recite the limitations of allowed claim 119. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 157-162.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 252312007300.

Respectfully submitted,

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